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Honorable Bill Bradley
United States Senate
731 Senate Hart Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Bradley:

This is in reply to your letter of February 12, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of your several of your constituents regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Your constituents are specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning our proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. In short, we expect there would be no adverse impact on R/C operations because of any proposal contained in the Notice.

We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take your constituents' concerns into account when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

We want to thank you for your interest. Your constituents' letters will be included in the record of the proceeding. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994.

Sincerely,

Joseph A. Levin
for Richard J. Shiben

Chief, Land Mobile & Microwave Division
Private Radio Bureau

Enclosures

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REMARKS: Respond to the attention of Tom Quigley in the
D.C. office.

BILL BRADLEY
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United States Senate
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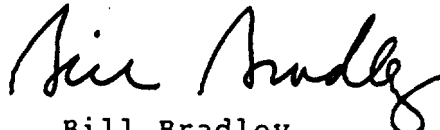
TO: Linda Solheim, Director

RE: PR Docket 92-235

I have received many letters, like the enclosed, from concerned New Jerseyans. I would appreciate information on the current status of this case and any future developments. Please direct your reply to the attention of the member of my staff listed below.

Thank you very much for your time and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



Bill Bradley
United States Senator

Please reply to:

Senator Bill Bradley
731 Senate Hart Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

ATTN: Tim Quigley

February 2, 1993

The Honorable Bill Bradley
SH 731 Hart Senate Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Dear Senator Bradley,

I am writing to ask for your help in opposing proposed Federal Communications Commission rules. The proceeding under consideration is PR Docket 92-235.

Like most people I work hard to make a living for my family and myself. In order to relax in what free time I have, I like to build and fly radio controlled model airplanes. I have enjoyed this hobby, like my father and many others, for many years.

With advances in radio technology, today's models are very sophisticated, large and expensive. I presently have about twenty airplanes and ten radio systems for an investment of about \$10,000 and 1000 man hours or more of my time.

The proposed FCC rules, if adopted, will eliminate the usefulness of my radio equipment, reduce the remaining available frequencies, and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. The radio control frequencies in this band however, are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move very close to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of useable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, valuable equipment will be rendered useless, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

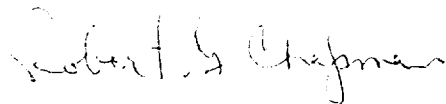
Please understand that these models have wing spans up to 10 feet, weigh as much as 30 or 40 pounds, travel at speeds up to 100 mph and are capable of precise maneuvers. The

models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage or serious injury if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the craft. We usually fly our models in groups and often in organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to many thousands of people like myself, and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help us continue the safe enjoyment of our pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert G. Chapman".

Robert G. Chapman
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